



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 6, 2006

S. 2039

Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2005

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 25, 2006

SUMMARY

S. 2039 would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent year for the Attorney General to establish a program to repay student loans for certain prosecutors and public defenders who agree to serve for at least three years in these positions. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost about \$90 million over the 2007-2011 period. Enacting S. 2039 would not affect direct spending and receipts.

S. 2039 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2039 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2007, that \$25 million will be appropriated for 2007, and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each subsequent year. We estimated authorization levels for subsequent years by adjusting the 2007 level for anticipated inflation. For this estimate, CBO assumes that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar programs. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	25	26	27	27	28
Estimated Outlays	6	13	19	23	27

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2039 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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